

Bryan Morning Eagle

FOURTEENTH YEAR

BRYAN, TEXAS, THURSDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 17, 1908.

NUMBER 18

**Hanan
Shoes**

**Stetson
Hats**

**Cluett
Shirts**

**Hansen
Gloves**

**Men's High-
Grade**

**Over-
coats**

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**Cloth-
ing.**

See Our Add
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**A. J.
WAGNER
& CO.**

NUTS: Package Fruits:

English Walnuts

Shelled Walnuts

Select Pecans

Shelled Pecans

Taragona Almonds

Naples Filberts

Brazil Nuts

Hallowi Dates, 1-lb. pkgs.

Fard Dates 1-lb. pkgs.

Filled Dates, 1-lb. pkgs.

Smyrna Figs in 1-lb. baskets.

Turkish Layer Figs in 1-lb. baskets.

Figs stuffed with nuts 1-lb. glass.

Figs stuffed with cherries, 1-lb. glass.

Crystallized Fruits in one-half lb. pkgs.

Glaze cherries in one-half lb. tins.

Glaze Pineapple in one-half lb. tins.

Malaga Cluster Raisins 1-lb. pkgs.

Seeded and cleaned Raisins 1-lb.

London Layer Raisins 5-lb. boxes.

Cleaned Currants 1-lb. pkgs.

Queen Olives in bulk

Batavia Wet Mince-Meat.

Howell & Newton
(INCORPORATED)

BRAVE MARSHAL WOODS

Proves a Hero, but May Cost
Him His Life.

FIVE MEN MAKE ATTACK.

Puts Bullet in the Heart of One of
Them and Is Himself Perhaps Mor-
tally Wounded and Beaten, but Pre-
vents Probably Three Robberies.

Toledo, Dec. 16.—An unknown man
was instantly killed and Marshal
Woods of Greenwich seriously wound-
ed in an encounter with five men in
the railroad yards at that village.

Marshal Woods accosted a man
standing near the postoffice, who was
acting in a suspicious manner. In re-
ply to questions the unknown man said
he was a stranger in town, but desired
to leave on a freight train. The mar-
shal escorted him to the railroad sta-
tion and just as they reached the
tracks four other men jumped from
behind a car and ordered the officer
to throw up his hands. He complied,
but in one hand he had an automatic
revolver, which he fired once, the bul-
let piercing the heart of one of the
quartette. The firing was returned by
the other men and the marshal was
struck in the back. As he fell the
men beat him into insensibility and
then escaped.

Mayor McCullom of Greenwich is
directing the efforts to capture the
robbers. Both pursuers and pursued
are fully armed.

A bold and cleverly planned scheme
to rob two banks of the town and the
postoffice is believed to have been
foiled by the marshal at what may
be at the cost of his life.

The marshal's condition is critical.

Mexican Governor Passes Away.
City of Mexico, Dec. 16.—Colonel
Manuel Alarcon, governor of Morelos,
is dead.

DREADFUL RESULTS.

Fifteen Killed and Thirty Hurt
In Collision.

Limoges, France, Dec. 16.—Ten per-
sons were killed and fifteen injured
in a collision between a passenger
train and a freight train in Pouch tun-
nel, between Brive and Limoges.

It was later ascertained that fifteen
persons lost their lives and the injured
number thirty. Fire broke out and
most of the visitors, including the en-
gineer of the passenger train, were
pinioned beneath the wreckage and
burned to death.

LARGE SUM MISSING.

The Defalcation Is Placed at Eighty-
Five Thousand Dollars.

Washington, Dec. 16.—A defalcation
of \$85,000 has been discovered in the
First National bank of Somersworth,
N. H. The cashier of the bank has
been arrested and the board of direc-
tors have asked the bank examiner to
take possession of that institution
with a view to voluntary liquidation.
The examiner says the bank has an
undivided profit account of \$25,000 and
considers the institution solvent, but
the board of directors declares it is
unable to restore the impairment of
capital.

Embezzlement Charged.

Somersworth, N. H., Dec. 16.—Fred
M. Varney, cashier of the First Na-
tional Bank of Somersville, was ar-
rested here, charged with embezzele-
ment.

Partly Due to Overloans.

Napoleon, O., Dec. 16.—The Citizens'
State bank assigned to D. D. Donovan.
The failure is said to have been caused
by overloans, and it is further claimed
it was brought about by the Ohio Ger-
man Insurance company's failure.

Negotiating For Warships.

Rio de Janeiro, Dec. 16.—Argentine
is negotiating for the purchase of two
Italian warships.

PARDONS MRS. CARRAWAY

Convicted Nine Years Ago and
Sent Up For Life.

Austin, Dec. 16.—Governor Campbell
granted a full pardon and restoration
of citizenship to Mrs. Inez Carraway of
Fort Worth, who was given a life term
in the penitentiary for killing her hus-
band about nine years ago at Fort
Worth. She had served about eight
years. The case was quite a noted
one at the time, attracting consider-
able interest.

County Attorney Newton of Bexar
county, one of the officials whose com-
missions were held up by the gov-
ernor, had a lengthy conference with
the governor on the situation at San
Antonio. Mr. Newton, it is understood,
assured the governor that the laws
would be enforced. Mr. Newton said
that everything would be straightened
out and the saloons will observe the
law. He declared that he believed,
however, that officials could act with-
out commissions. He applied for his
commission.

In affirming the case of Gaar, Scott
& Co. vs. O. K. Shannon, former sec-
retary of state, the court of civil ap-
peals upheld the constitutionality of
the act of the Twenty-ninth legisla-
ture, permitting the state to levy an
additional franchise tax on foreign
corporation after they have been
granted a permit. The suit was to re-
cover \$575 from Shannon which it was
claimed he illegally collected.

Commissioner of Insurance and
Banking Love has returned from his
eastern trip. He said he had accom-
plished much on his trip which cannot
be disclosed at present. He attended
the meeting of committees on frat-
ernal insurance of National Insur-
ance Commissioners' convention while
away.

The report of Superintendent of
Penitentiaries Herring for November
was approved and shows convicts on
hand Nov. 1, 3,413; new ones re-
ceived since that date, 101; re-
captured, 1; returned by sheriffs, 4;
discharged, 80; pardoned, 4; escaped,
9; delivered to sheriff, 2; on hand Dec
1, 3,419, an increase of six.

THREE PATIENTS SENT.

Dog Bites Two Children and Baby.
Latter Losing the Upper Lip.

Sherman, Tex., Dec. 16.—Grayson
county Wednesday afternoon sent
three patients—James Campbell, aged
nineteen; Ruby Campbell, twelve years
old and Frankie Richardson, three
years—old to Austin to receive the
Pasteur treatment. They were accom-
panied by Mrs. Campbell, mother of
the two older children, and grand-
mother of the baby. All were bitten
by the same dog in this city, a small
terrier which was raised by the family.
The dog died in fits and three other
dogs which were bitten by it died.
The baby's face was terribly lacerated
the lower lip being torn away.

Construction Soon Begins.

Fort Worth, Dec. 16.—B. P. Cain of
Tyler said here that the Gulf, Texas
and Western railway will soon begin
the construction of a road from Burr's
Ferry, on the Sabine river to Benja-
min, Knox county. Later the road will
be extended to Texico and will pass
through Dallas and Fort Worth. Mr.
Cain says the lack of terminal facili-
ties alone prevents rapid construction.

OPEREY HOUSE

**FRIDAY NITE
Singing Skule
Beginment....**

Benefit

**Ladies Guild of St. Andrew's
Episcopal Church.**

**40 LOCAL PEOPLE IN THE 40
...CASTE...**

Under the Direction of

Miss Ethel Deckard

**ADMISHUN: Reserved Seats 50 cents and
35 cents, Kids, 25 cents.**

Seats on sail at HASWELL'S Book-store--now.

Big Fire at Mount Pleasant.

Mount Pleasant, Tex., Dec. 16.—Fire
caused a loss of \$10,000 in the business
section. Flames broke out in M. Play-
ers' grocery, which was destroyed;
also damaged Harris & Hall's confection-
ery store. The damaged building is
owned by J. F. Schwab of Wichita
Falls. The origin of the blaze is un-
known.

Killed by Cars.

Galveston, Dec. 16.—H. L. Chandler,
employed by the Galveston, Houston
and Harrisburg railroad in the train
dispatcher's office, was killed by be-
ing run over by a string of cars that
were being switched. His father re-
sides at Port Arthur.

Hand Blown Off.

Greenville, Tex., Dec. 16.—George
Mason of this city lost a hand. It was
blown off by a giant firecracker which
was used as a signal to a hunting
party. The accident occurred at Lake
Kuykendall.

Expires Introducing Guests.

Waxahachie, Tex., Oct. 16.—While
introducing guests at a wedding near
Boyce Tom Kent fell to the floor, dying
almost instantly. Heart disease was
the cause. He was aged fifty years.

For Longview Building.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Senator Cul-
bertson has introduced a bill providing
for the erection of a public building at
Longview.

NEW ARRIVALS.

Ruchings, Ruching Neckwear, Belt Pins, Buckles,
Silk Embroidered Hose, Belts, Fine Embroidered
Linen Handkerchiefs, Etc.
Selected Special For Xmas Shoppers.

WILSON & DERDEN

PHONE 129

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Mr. E. J. Fountain
requests the honor of your presence at the sale of
his full line of
Fancy Groceries
to
His Many Customers
on Saturday morning, eight o'clock, December 12th
nineteen hundred and eight
at his store
Bryan, Texas

LITTLE LOCALS.

The crushing of the front of an overland wagon at the corner of Central avenue and Anderson streets Wednesday morning made business better for the blacksmith. The wagon was loaded with cordwood.

The Ladies' Aid and Missionary Societies of the Presbyterian church will send their annual Christmas box to Files Valley Orphans' Home, Monday, December 21st. Contributions will be received this week at the Manse by Miss Lillie Wilson.

An express shipment of winter millinery was received yesterday by Mr. Coulter, embracing alike the latest shapes and shades of the season's demands. The shipment received yesterday is the third lot expressed to this popular house since the beginning of the season.

Next Sabbath will be observed as Children's day by the Free Will Baptist denomination at Harvey. The custom of dedicating one day each year to the children of the Sunday school was adopted last December, and the first observance proved so great a success that the succeeding anniversary has been looked forward to constantly. Next Sabbath is expected to mark a date in the life of the Bright Light Sunday School. gineer, is centering the curve of the I. & G. N. tracks near the depot of that road in this city. The effort will be to make the curve longer, thereby diminishing the friction and hence the power required to move a train over this piece of track. The company intends to build brick retaining walls around this curve as a protection to property adjoining either side of the track. These walls will average five feet in height with a base of three feet, on underground foundation, and two feet at the top. This work will not be undertaken until next spring.

Car choice June cut forney hay on track. Vick's Feed Store.

Painfully Hurt.

Mr. John Wilcox, who resides about seven miles north of Bryan was the victim of a very painful accident yesterday afternoon. Mr. Wilcox was on his way home after spending the day in Bryan and when he reached the H. & T. C. railroad crossing in the northern part of town the young horse he was driving became unmanageable and in attempting to check the animal both reins broke, whereupon Mr. Wilcox jumped out of the buggy and grabbed the bridle bits and one of the shafts of the buggy struck him in the side and broke one rib. At last report Mr. Wilcox was being conveyed to his home and resting very easy under the circumstances.

A special car attached to the regular southbound H. & T. C. passenger train, and filled with the managers of retail yards and other employees of the Cameron Lumber company, passed through yesterday afternoon. They are making a trip of inspection of the company's mills and land holdings situated in East Texas.

THE GIRL ON THE BOX.

Young Lady Stage Driver Will Be Married.

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 15.—Verne Beamis, son of a banker at Inkstar, S. D., who came to eastern Washington to see the country with a view to making investments for a syndicate of New York and Chicago capitalists, fell a victim to Dan Cupid before he became settled. The bride was Miss Onie Bryant, formerly of Boston, who has been connected with the Columbia hotel at Kettle Falls, Wash., north of here, in various capacities, including driving the stage coach. They were married in the parlor of Lee hotel at Colville and are now in Spokane, where they will make their home while Mr. Beamis is gathering data about the country. Miss Bryant had many suitors and often when donning a greatcoat and pocketing her pistol to drive the four-horse team and stage to meet the night train at Meyers, one or more of her admirers offered to accompany her, but she laughingly declined, saying she would rather make the trip alone. Then Beamis came upon the scene and he was chosen.

Demonstration Farm.

A demonstration farm will be conducted here as a result of the visit of Mr. W. F. Proctor to this city Wednesday. Mr. Proctor represents the Agricultural department of the Federal government. Land to be used for the purpose of demonstration belongs to Mr. Jesse Henry, and is situated near the Villa Maria Ursuline academy, east of this city.

A government co-operative association will also be formed here later on. The advantages of co-operation will be explained to the farmers of this section on the occasion of a visit to this city by Mr. Proctor some future time, the exact date of which will be later announced.



MR. ROY BUCHANAN, as "Tommy Doodle," the Bad Boy Grand Opera House, Dec. 18.

THE FUNMAKERS.

Following is a list of those composing the cast of the "Singin' Skule Begimment" to be presented in the opera house here tomorrow night, under the direction of Miss Ethel Deckard.

NOTIS.—Jeremire wants it knone that it haint his fault that he haint treechin the "skule" tonite. He wanted to mity bad but Mistus Robins said he haint, so he haint.

PEACE 1. Grand March on the pianne by Samantha Ann Kummiln of Mister & Mistus Robkins & klass.

PEACE 2. The Singing Skule—Mistus Robkins an klass.

PEACE 3. The American Girl, bi the patriotiek skolar, Rorianna Gigglesby.

PEACE 4. The Yellow Kid in a exercise—Bowery Style.

PEACE 5. Little German Love, by Hezekiah Bumples.

PEACE 6. 2-corndered, Mercy Tweekins an Jeremiah Robins.

PEACE 7. The boy Orr-a-t-o-r. Mecheek Joselin.

PEACE 8. Schooldays, singed by Robe Spank.

PEACE 9. Another 2-corndered peace bi the old maydes—Miranda Want-to-marry and Mehitable Sponer.

PEACE 10. Seleckted, Holds Gabbie Much.

PEACE 11. Ask the Stars, Angelina Turveydrop and klass.

PEACE 12. Skale in Rime, Polly Rumpus.

PEACE 13. A bewtiful dewet, Romeo and Juliet Shakespeare.

(Sum Moore Totther Cide.)

PEACE 14. I Will Play in Your Yard Mistus Tweekinize's Twins (only one year old and no kin to Mercy.)

PEACE 14½ Rube Role Whangdoudleys.

PEACE 15. Koon Song, "Kumpany B" Charity Bumkins and Hickory Jones.

PEACE 16. Reeding from the book writ by herself. (Tragedie) Jerusalem Jarkins.

PEACE 17. Hi Skule Girls, Trilby O'Farrel, Alvirey Stimmuns, Clementi Hanks, Lorella Everlove, Sophrenia Flimkins, Jeminey Larkins, Sis Fiddledee, Sally Bunn, Margy Crimps, Flothe Fairweather.

PEACE 18. The Wedding Bells, bi Tommy Doodle & klass.

Auld Lang Syne. Dixie Mrs. W. S. Wilson Pianist.

OTHERS IN THE CLASS. Jehosaphat Junkins, Willie Winkle, Samuel Weller, Zubulon Toodles, Da-

rius Catchfly, Rube Spank.

(Turn Over Agin.)

SKULE, VISITING KUMMITTEE AND ALUMINUM.

Mrs. & Mister Rube Smallfeather, Mrs. & Mister Proclila Hametree, Mrs. & Mister Hank Flinkenspoon, Mrs. & Mister Jed Spoopendike, Mrs. & Mr. Frieda Stubnose, Mrs. Sid Cucumbersed, Mister Lem Hawkins, Abner Hayseed, Jim Wheatstraw, Bio Hickorynut, C' Tinkins Bottle.

AS YOU KNOW THEM EVERY DAY.

Mesdames Arthur Perkins, James Broadbus, J. B. Hines, G. M. Brandon, J. A. Myers, J. W. English, A. W. Wilkerson, Geo. A. Adams, Geo. Smith, Tyler Haswell, Ad McQueen, J. T. Hanway, T. K. Lawrence.

Misses Hettie Smith, Gussie Buchanan, Jesse Garth, Alberta Adams, Mary McInnis, Alma Robinson, Irma Harris, Blanche Buchanan, Francis Chance, Arrie Cole, Lucy Board, Ara Kate Huntley and Cora Huntley.

Messrs. J. D. Ganter, George Peeler, Roy Buchanan, Will Wilson Jr., Ed Saunders, Osborn Johnson, Hal Saunders, J. T. Maloney, Wilson Buchanan, Dr. Henry Lawrence, Frank Myers, J. W. English, A. W. Wilkerson, Bob Hearn, J. B. Hines, Joe Battle, Geo. Adams, J. T. Hanway and Masters Sam Parker and Tom Raysor.

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STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION OF THE

First National Bank Of Bryan

AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS NOV. 27, 1908

RESOURCES.	LIABILITIES
Loans and Discounts.....\$225,576.08	Capital Stock.... \$100,000.00
Demand Loans on Cotton..... 46,497.09	Surplus and Profits . 87,519.76
U. S. Bonds and Premiums..... 156,400.00	Circulation..... 100,000.00
State Bonds and Premiums..... 51,864.00	DEPOSITS..... 372,085.41
Real Estate, Furniture and Fixtures 9,650.00	
CASH..... \$169,618.00	
	\$659,605.17

I, L. L. McInnis, Cashier of the above named Bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Correct—Attest:

J. W. Howell
Guy M. Bryan, Jr.
H. O. Boatwright

Directors.

L. L. McInnis, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this, November 30, 1908.

W. P. Bryan,

Notary Public, Brazos County, Texas

HANG ON TO YOUR DOLLAR

Until you have seen our stock of Holiday Goods. It's your own fault if you don't let us save money for you.

E. J. Jenkins

Grand Opera House
Monday, December 21st

ROWLAND & CLIFFORD'S
NEW BIG DRAMATIC HIT!
THORNS AND
ORANGE BLOSSOMS

PLY (F THE BETTER SORT

Novel Plot Strong Climaxes Rare heart Interest

The Big Grocery Sale

will continue until everything is disposed of. Hundreds of new buyers as well as our old customers are taking advantage of this close-out sale for cash. Remember all purchases of One Dollar and over delivered free. Below we quote a few prices on articles that have not appeared before. All other goods in proportion:

18 lbs. Granulated Sugar for.... \$1.00
Swift's Premium Ham per pound 14c
Swift's Premium Bacon per lb.... 20c
18-oz. Bot. Fancy Selected Queen Olives, per bottle..... 20c
20-oz. Bottle Fancy Selected Queen Olives per bottle..... 25c
18-oz. Bot. Fancy Selected Stuffed Olives, per bottle..... 20c
14-oz. Bot. Hyman's sour mixed pickles, per bottle..... 7½c

40-oz Bot. Hyman's sour mixed Pickles, per bottle..... 20c
64-oz Bot. Hyman's sour mixed Pickles, per bottle..... 35c
One-half Gallon Hyman's sour Mixed Pickles, per bottle..... 50c
40-oz Bot. Hyman's sour spiced Lily Hot, per bottle..... 20c
40-oz Bot. Hyman's sour spiced Chow-Chow, per bottle..... 20c
20-oz Bot. Heinz sour spiced Mixed Pickles..... 12½c

24-oz Bot. Heinz sour spiced Mixed Pickles..... 17½c
24-oz Bot. Heinz Sweet Mixed Pickles, per bottle..... 20c
32-oz Bot. Heinz India Relish per bottle..... 25c
14-oz Bot. Heinz Evaporated Horse Radish..... 25c
All kinds of Bulk Pickles at greatly reduced prices.

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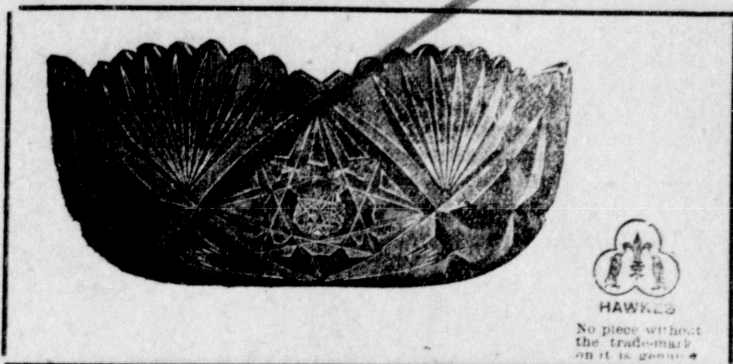
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BRIEF NEWS NOTES OF THE DAY.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 16.—The fourth annual conference on weights and measures began in this city today with delegates present from many states.

New York, Dec. 16.—The annual championship trap shoot of the New York Athletic club began at Travers Island today and will continue over tomorrow. One event on the programme is carded as being for the amateur championship of America.

Vale, Ore., Dec. 16.—The convention of the Oregon-Idaho Development association began work in earnest today. Irrigation, railway development and transportation are the principal subjects up for discussion.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 16.—Uniformity in freight rates and in other railway matters formed the chief topic of consideration at a conference here today of the State railroad Commissioners of Missouri, Iowa, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, North and South Dakota.

Jackson, Miss., Dec. 16.—Arrangements are being made for the annual convention here next month of the Mississippi division of the Farmers' National Union. The convention will be in session three days and will be attended by delegates representing 15,000 members of the union in this state.

Both houses of congress greeted with derisive laughter the reading of Roosevelt's letter denouncing Joe Pulitzer. It is the first time in American history that a president's message has been met with such a reception.

If reports be true San Antonio has repented at the preaching of Governor Bell and has promised that her Ladies shall be that of the nation. It is recorded that Governor Bell himself has repented at the preaching of Governor Bell and has promised that her Ladies shall be that of the nation.

GAITY AT WHITE HOUSE.

Closing Season of Present Administration Will Be Brilliant.

Special to Bryan Morning Eagle.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 16.—Everything in and around the White House has been put in the best possible order for the opening of the last and most brilliant social season under the Roosevelt administration. The opening event will be the Cabinet dinner this evening and the season will close with the army and navy reception on Thursday, Feb. 18. During the intervening time there will be a round of diplomatic receptions, diplomatic dinners, judiciary receptions, the usual Supreme Court dinner and Congressional receptions, all to be given on Thursday evenings, interspersed with many other, less formal social functions, prime among them the ball to be given on the evening of Dec. 28, in honor of Miss Ethel Roosevelt's social debut.

The old historic mansion has witnessed many interesting social events under the changing administrations, but probably never a season quite as strenuous and brilliant as will be the closing season of the present administration. Next winter Mrs. Taft will be the "First Lady," and Washington society is already speculating over the prospects of the first "Taft-Season."

The three state dinners, the first of which will take place tonight, will include from forty to seventy guests. That to the diplomatic corps will be the largest, as it must include all the chiefs of embassies and legations, with the wife of each ambassador or minister. The evening receptions will be, as in former years, from 9:00 to 10:30, and two thousand invitations will be issued for these events. As a rule guests other than those of the Administration circle will be invited to one reception only.

The President and Mrs. Roosevelt will also receive as usual on New Year's day, but no cards are issued for that occasion. Mrs. Roosevelt has also planned a number of musicales on Friday evenings during the season in addition to other minor social functions, among them the ball on coming out of Miss Roosevelt.

Every indication that the season will be the gayest since the last administration is given by the fact that Mrs. Russell Sage has always felt great interest in the men employed

ter, Miss Alice Roosevelt, now Mrs. Longworth, was presented to society. The ball for Miss Ethel will be given in the same historic room where Abigail Adams dried her clothes and which never was the scene of a gay ball scene until during the Harrison administration, when Mrs. McKee gave a cotillon.

In addition to the ball there will be many dinners, luncheons, breakfasts and receptions, from the beginning of the New Year to the beginning of March, when Mrs. Roosevelt will turn over the household affairs to her successor as Lady of the White House.

Nearly all these social functions are held on the lower floor of the presidential mansion, which had been changed but little under the succeeding administrations until it had reached such a state of dilapidation, that President Roosevelt considered it advisable to subject the antiquated, inadequate, and uncomfortable lower part of the mansion to a radical reconstruction and rejuvenation, which raised such a protest throughout the country, mainly from those who seldom or never frequented the house and knew little or nothing of its needs and requirements.

In accordance with time-honored custom no changes or improvements of any consequence have been made since last winter and none will be made under the present administration, leaving it to the next President and his family to arrange the house and its fixtures and furnishings according to their taste.

Mrs. Sage's Gift to Y. M. C. A.

New York, Dec. 16.—The new building of the Long Island Railroad Young Men's Christian association at Borden and West Avenues, Long Island City, for the erection of which Mrs. Russell Sage contributed \$100,000, is practically completed and everything is in readiness for the formal dedication this evening. Mrs. Sage has consented to be present at the dedicatory services and it is expected that there will also be present many other distinguished visitors from New York and other cities in attendance. The building is a handsome structure of pleasing architecture and when entirely completed will be one of the best equipped institutions of its kind in this section of the country.

Mrs. Russell Sage has always felt great interest in the men employed

on the big Island railroad and when the plan was suggested to erect a model building for the use of the railroad section of the Y. M. C. A. at Long Island City, she manifested her approval of the plan by subscribing

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CONCENTRATION BETTER THAN SCATTERER.

A few newspapers in North Texas and a few legislators hailing from the same section are discussing the establishing of agricultural and mechanical colleges in different parts of the State. What the increase of population and the development of the State may require in the future we will not undertake to say, but it is certain that at present Texas is in no condition to add to the number of her technological and agricultural institutions. The amounts available for salaries and for increasing equipment are short of what it should be, and for this reason the State has lost the services of some of its ablest educators. If this proposed plan of multiplying colleges should be adopted it would result in apportioning the funds by long division with the quotient so small that neither good buildings and equipment nor good instructors could be had. The institution at College Station is just now entering upon a career of prosperity and usefulness far in advance of the success it has already attained. Besides the donation from the national government, the State has invested many thousands of dollars in this institution. The building, the farm the orchard, the gardens, the workshops and machinery, the horses, cattle, sheep, hogs and poultry are all there—the result of years of judicious management and the wise use of the limited means available. Better still, a corps of instructors, every one of whom is an eminent specialist in his line—has been organized. If the effort to found other co-ordinate institutions is made now, the inevitable result will be arrest of development, and instead of one great and famous college there would be a school of ill-spawned and poorly nourished weaklings that would be a disgrace to the State. The Galveston News strikes square out from the shoulder thus:

Representative Gaines, who proposes to introduce a bill providing for sixteen agricultural and mechanical colleges in Texas, is undoubtedly right in putting a high estimate upon the value of practical training for the young. It may also be true that it will help much to popularize farming with the boys to give them opportunities near their homes to learn farming scientifically and make the tilling of the soil more of a pleasure than a drudgery. But such schools could not be properly and effectively conducted without an exceedingly large expense, and unless we can top off some extravagance whose elimination would prove disadvantageous to the state's interests, the tax payers will hardly be able to afford so heavy an investment.

A baby always wants what he wants when he wants it.

Fort Worth leads the cities of Texas in the number of burglaries—seven in one night.

With \$60,000,000 deposited in European banks Castro can live even if the Dutch do take Venezuela.

Probably if we could understand the language of the turkeys we should learn that they regard Thanksgiving and Christmas as the blackest day in the year.

With Castro and Aunt Carrie, two of the chief trouble-makers away in Europe, the two Americas have nobody but themselves to blame if they fail to enjoy a merry Christmas.

If Senator Bailey had read Roosevelt's denunciation of Joe Pulitzer in his latest message the wrathful senator would not have been at a loss for "words that hiss and burn."

The Galveston News makes this strong point against compulsory education: "The old-fashioned doctrine of free agency has mothered giants while compulsion has been prolific of pigmies."

The official report of the popular vote for president shows that Bryan received 1,315,211 more votes than Parker received in 1904. Yet some people continue to say that Parker was a stronger candidate than Bryan.

PANAMA CANAL CHARGES

Special Message Transmitted to National Lawmakers.

PULITZER IS EXCORIATED.

President Says New York World Publisher Should Be Sued For Criminal Libel by Government—Taft Not Secretary of War at Time of Deal.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The president to-day transmitted to congress the following message on the Panama canal charges by certain newspapers.

In view of the constant repetition of the assertion that there was some corrupt action by or on behalf of the United States government in connection with the acquisition of title of the French companies to the Panama canal, and of the repetition of the story that a syndicate of American citizens owned either one or both of the Panama companies, I deem it wise to submit to the congress all the information I have on the subject. These stories were first brought to my attention as published in a paper in Indianapolis called "The News," edited by Mr. Delevan Smith. The stories were scurrilous and libelous in editor and false in every essential particular. Mr. Delevan Smith himself behind the excuse that he merely accepted the statements which had appeared in a paper published in the New York World, owned by Mr. Joseph Pulitzer. It is idle to say that the known character of Mr. Pulitzer and his newspaper are such that the statements in that paper will be believed by nobody. Unfortunately thousands of persons are ill informed by this report and believe the statements they see in print, even though they appear in a newspaper published by Mr. Pulitzer. A member of the congress has actually introduced a resolution in reference to these charges, and therefore lay all the facts before you.

The story repeated at various times by the World and by its followers in the newspapers is substantially as follows: That there was corruption by or on behalf of the government of the United States in the transaction by which the Panama canal property was acquired from its French owners; that there were improper dealings of some kind between agents of the government and outside persons representing or acting for an American syndicate who had gotten possession of the French company; that among these persons who it was alleged made "big profits" were Mr. Charles P. Taft, a brother of Mr. William H. Taft, then candidate for the presidency, and Mr. Douglas Robinson, my brother-in-law; that Mr. Cromwell, the counsel for the Panama Canal company in the negotiations, was in some way implicated with the United States governmental authorities in these improper transactions; that the government has concealed the true facts and has destroyed or procured or agreed to the destruction of certain documents; that Mr. W. H. Taft was secretary of war at the time; that by an agreement between the United States government and the beneficiaries of the deal all traces thereof were "wiped out" by transferring all the archives and "records" to the American government just before the holding of the convention last June at which Mr. Taft was nominated. These statements sometimes appear in the editorials, sometimes in the news columns, sometimes in the shape of contributions from individuals either known or known to be of bad character. They are false in every particular from beginning to end. The wickedness of the slanders is only surpassed by their fatuity. So utterly baseless are the stories that apparently they represent in part merely material collected for campaign purposes and in part stories originally concocted with a view of possible blackmail. The inventor of the story about Mr. Charles P. Taft, far instance, evidently supposed that at some moment of the Panama purchase Mr. W. H. Taft was secretary of war, whereas, in reality, Mr. W. H. Taft never became secretary of war until long after the whole transaction in question had been closed. The inventor of the story about Mr. Douglas Robinson had not taken the trouble to find out the fact that Mr. Robinson had not had the slightest connection directly or indirectly of any kind or sort with any phase of the Panama transaction from beginning to end. The men who attack Mr. Taft in the matter had not taken the trouble to read the public documents which would have informed them that Mr. Taft had nothing to do with the purchase, which was entirely arranged through the department of justice under the then attorney general, Mr. Knox.

Now these stories as a matter of fact need no investigation whatever. No shadow of proof has been or can be produced in behalf of any of them. They consist simply of a string of infamous lies. In form they are in part libels upon individuals, upon Mr. Taft and Mr. Robinson, for instance. But they are in fact wholly and in form partly a libel upon the United States government. I do not believe we should concern ourselves with the particular individuals who wrote the lying and libelous editorial articles from correspondents or articles in the news columns. The real offenders are Mr. Joseph Pulitzer, editor and proprietor of the World. While the criminal offense of which Mr. Pulitzer has been guilty is in form a libel upon individuals, the great injury done is in blackening the good name of the American people. It should not be left to a private citizen to sue Mr. Pulitzer for libel. He should be prosecuted for libel by the governmental authorities. In point of encouragement of wrong doing, there is nothing to choose between a public servant who betrays his trust, a public servant who is guilty of blackmail, or theft, or financial dishonesty of any kind, and a man guilty as Mr. Joseph Pulitzer has been guilty in this instance. It is therefore a high national duty to bring to justice this man who not only wickedly and without one shadow of justification seeks to blacken the character of reputable private citizens and to convict the government of his own country in the eyes of the civilized world of wrong doing of the basest and foulest kind, when he has not one shadow of justification of any sort or description of the charge he has made. The attorney general has under consideration the form in which the proceedings against Mr. Pulitzer shall be. Meanwhile, I submit to you all the accompanying papers, so that you may have before you complete information on the subject. I call your attention to my communications in my messages to the congress Jan. 20, 1902; March 11, 1903; Dec. 7, 1903; Jan. 4, 1904, and Dec. 17, 1906, in which I set forth at length the history of various phases of the whole transaction. I recall your attention to the report and opinion of the attorney

American citizens or by citizens of any other nationality, would not have altered in the slightest degree the action taken by this government. Our concern was to get the canal property which was owned by the French company and to see that the title was clear. Our transactions were carried on openly and were published in detail and we dealt solely, so far as the interests of the old Panama Canal company were concerned, with the liquidator appointed by the proper French governmental body, the civil tribunal of the Seine and in accordance with the decree of this some tribunal with the new Panama Canal company, which also went into the liquidation upon the sale to the United States. All our transactions were carried on openly and were published in detail. The distribution of our payment of \$40,000,000 follows the work of arbitrators chosen by the new company and the liquidators authorized by the decree of this same civil tribunal of the Seine and providing for a determination of the proportionate division between the new and old companies. We paid the money through the New York banking house of J. P. Morgan & Co., acting as fiscal agents for this government, into the Bank of France in Paris. The receipts and accounts of our treasury department show the payment of the money into the Bank of France and account for the money being paid over to the liquidator appointed by the civil tribunal of the Seine and to the new Panama Canal company of France, the proportion of the forty million dollars being 12,600,000 francs to the liquidator of the old company and 27,400,000 francs to the new Panama Canal company of France in liquidation. In these payments we followed to the letter the decree of the governmental tribunal of the Seine. We had neither desire nor authority to go behind this decree of this proper governmental body as all the conflicting rights of the security-holders of both companies had been settled by the decree of said court by ratification of the arbitration which resulted in that division. I wish to make as clear as possible that we did not have anything to do with the distribution of a dollar of the \$40,000,000 we paid as regards any stockholder or bondholder of the French company save that we followed out the award of the arbitrators appointed in accordance with the decree of the French court awarding a certain proportion to the old company and a certain proportion to the new company. An investigation concerning the stockholders, bondholders or other beneficiaries of the proceeds of sale was purely a question for the tribunal of the Seine, the French governmental body, with which this nation had nothing whatever to do. Under these circumstances there was not the slightest need for Mr. Cromwell to give any information on the subject of the companies for which he had been counsel. This government has no concern with Mr. Cromwell's relation to these companies, or either of them, or with the amount of his professional compensation. It was not the affair of this government to inquire who were the security-holders of the companies. Nevertheless Mr. Cromwell, of his own accord, has submitted to me, together with a copy of his statement published on the 11th inst., and which I transmit herewith a full list of the stockholders of the new Panama Canal company of Jan. 15, 1902, and a list of all stockholders who were present at a special meeting of the company held Feb. 23, 1902, immediately after the cable offer of the company was made to the United States (Jan. 9-11, 1902), to accept the appraisement of \$40,000,000 made by the isthmian canal commission and to sell for said sum the Panama canal, concessions and other property, and the shares of the Panama Railroad company. He has also furnished me a certified copy of the final report of the liquidator of the old company, which was filed on June 25 last and formally approved by the civil tribunal of the Seine, together with a summary account prepared and signed by said liquidators as late as the 24th ultimo.

I also transmit a translation of the two resolutions, with the vote upon them, adopted at a meeting of the stockholders of the new company held on April 23, 1904, for the purpose of finalizing the sale. As these documents I transmit as a part of this message. It appears from them that the creditors of the old company number 226,296 parties, who have received dividends out of the funds in the hands of the liquidator, who, in his letter, states that in this present month of December the second and last distribution to the creditors will be begun, and that the average dividend heretofore paid to each individual was 782 francs, or \$156. No payment whatever was or will be made upon the stock of the old company, as it was worthless from the day De Lesseps failed, and this cuts out from consideration all misleading statements regarding possible purchase by any body of the stock of the old Panama Canal company. It has not received and will not receive a penny. Even upon the bonded indebtedness the dividend, I am thus informed, will amount in the aggregate to only about 10 per centum. It likewise plainly appears that this distribution by the liquidator of the old company has been openly conducted at his office in Paris, No. 50 Rue Etienne Marcel, where all the receipts, accounts and records of his payments are on file.

The new Panama Canal company of France is in liquidation. As the accompanying papers set forth, this liquidated company received as its proportion of the \$40,000,000 the sum of 77,400,000 francs, and this amount was distributed by the liquidation in three payments through four leading banks of Paris, covering a period of the past four years, and to shareholders numbering about 6,000. Every step of the transaction was not only taken publicly, but was contemporaneously therewith advertised in the local and financial papers of France, and the banks making the payments took proper receipts from all the parties to whom payments were made, as is customary in such cases. The capital of the new Panama Canal company of France was 65,000,000 francs, and the distribution thus made amounted to about 130 francs on each share of 100 francs. No dividends were paid during the ten years of the company's existence. It therefore resulted that the shareholders only recovered their original investment with annual interest of about three per cent. Recently a request was made by a private individual to inspect the records of these payments, but answer was made by the custodians that they saw no proper reason for granting such request to a stranger, and, inasmuch as there is not the slightest ground for suspicion of any bad faith in the transaction, it hardly seems worth while to make the request; but if the congress desires, I have no doubt that on the request of our ambassador of Paris, the lists of individuals will be shown him. As a matter of fact, there is nothing whatever in which this government is interested to investigate about this transaction.

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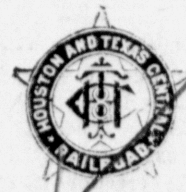
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general rendered to me dated Oct. 25, 1902, with the accompanying documents and exhibits. I call your attention to the correspondence of the officers and agents of the Panama Canal company with the president and other officers of the United States, printed in senate document No. 34, Dec. 10, 1902, also to the copy of the official proceedings of the new Panama Canal company at Paris on the 30th of December, 1903, together with a report of the council of administration of that company printed in senate document No. 133, Jan. 28, 1904, and to the copy of the general conveyance by the New Panama Canal company to the United States, also copies of certain telegrams from the president of the company making an offer of sale and Attorney General Knox's cablegram in response, printed in senate documents 385, March 23, 1906. I call your attention furthermore to the exhaustive testimony recorded in public document (senate document No. 491, Fifty-ninth congress, second session), which contains the searching investigation into the whole transaction made by the congress for its information and fully considered by the congress before it took action. In the act approved June 28, 1902, "To provide for the construction of a canal connecting the waters of the Atlantic and Pacific oceans," the congress provided as follows:

"That the president of the United States is hereby authorized to acquire for and on behalf of the United States at a cost not exceeding \$40,000,000, the rights, privileges, franchise, concessions, grants of land right of way unfinished work, plants and other property, real, personal and mixed, of every name and nature owned by the New Panama Canal company of France on Isthmus of Panama, and in Paris, including all the capital stock, not less, however, than 68,883 shares of the Panama Railroad company owned by or held for the use of said canal company, provided a satisfactory title to all said property can be obtained."

It thereupon became the duty of the president in execution of this statute to purchase the property specified from the New Panama Canal company of France, provided he could obtain a satisfactory title. The department of justice was instructed to examine the title and after such an examination Attorney General Knox reported that a satisfactory title could be obtained. Payment of the purchase price was thereupon made to the New Panama Canal company in accordance with the act of the congress and the property was conveyed by that company to the United States. It was no concern of the president, or of any officer of the executive department, to inquire as to what the New Panama Canal company had done with the money which it received. As a matter of fact the New Panama Canal company did distribute the money between its shareholders and the shareholders of the preceding Panama Canal company in accordance with the decree of a French court, and the records of the French court show who were the shareholders who received the money, but that is no concern of ours. I call your attention to the accompanying statement as to the attempt to form an American company in 1899 for the purpose of taking over the property of the French company. This attempt proved abortive. There was no concealment in its efforts to put through this plan, its complete failure and abandonment being known to every one. The important points set forth in the accompanying papers and in the papers to which I have referred you are as follows:

The investigation of the history, physical condition and existing value of the enterprise by the congress resulting in the enactment of the law of 1902 authorizing the president to acquire the property of the Panama Canal company for the sum of \$40,000,000 upon securing a satisfactory title, and thereupon to undertake the work of construction, the failure of the Americanization of the enterprise in 1899, the transmission by me to the congress from time to time of full information and advice as to the relations of this government to transit across the isthmus and under the treaties as to the negotiations and final acquisition of the title, and later as to the progress and condition of the work of construction. The previous authorization of sale to the United States by the stockholders of the new company and their subsequent ratification, the examination and approval of the title by Mr. Knox, the arrangements for payment through J. P. Morgan & Co., as the fiscal agents of this government, and the payment accordingly at the Bank of France on proper official receipts to the liquidators acting under the decree of the French court, the French governmental body having jurisdiction in the matter, and finally the subsequent apportionment and distribution of the fund to the creditors and stockholders of the two companies under that decree. The Panama Canal transaction was virtually carried through not by either the then secretary of state, Mr. John Hay, or the then secretary of war, Mr. Elihu Root, both of whom, however, were cognizant of all the essential features, but by the then attorney general, Mr. P. S. Knox, at present senator from Pennsylvania. I directed or approved every action and am responsible for what was done in carrying out the will of the congress and the provisions of the law, enacted by congress after exhaustive examinations and discussion was scrupulously complied with by the executive. While the transaction was pending I saw Mr. Cromwell but two or three times and my communications with him were limited to the exchange of purely formal courtesies. Secretary Hay occasionally saw him in the same manner. I doubt whether Mr. Root held any conversation with him. The attorney general saw him frequently, as he was counsel for the Panama company. Their communications were official as representing the two sides. I enclose copies of my correspondence with Mr. William Dudley Foulke, who first brought the scandalous stories to my attention, and with Senator Knox and Mr. Cromwell, to whom I wrote in response to the request of a gentleman who wished to know about the stockholders in the Panama Canal company. The title to the Panama canal properties was vested in the New Panama Canal company of France, which was the legal owner thereof and the old or so-called DeLesseps company had a large equity therein. The title was not in a New Jersey company nor in any other American company nor did this government have any dealings with any American company throughout the affairs. The exact legal status to the most minute detail appears in the exhaustive opinion of attorney general, Mr. Knox, approving the title to be given to the United States which clearly establishes that the only parties dealt with was the New Panama Canal company of France (with the concurrence of the liquidator of the old company) and not any American corporation or syndicate. The action of the United States government was, of course, wholly uninfluenced by and nothing whatever to do with any question as to who were or who had been the security-holders of either the new or old company. Who such security-holders were was not our affair if as a matter of fact, the canal companies,

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tion. So far as this government is concerned every step of the slightest importance has been made public by its executive, and every step taken in France has there been made public by the proper officials. The congress took the action it did take after the most minute and exhaustive examination and discussion and the executive carried out the direction of the congress to the letter. Every act of this government had the slightest responsibility, was in pursuance of the act of the congress; following out the decree of the civil tribunal of the Seine in France. Furthermore, through the entirely voluntary act of Mr. Cromwell, I am now able to present to you full information as to these actions in France with which this government did not have any concern, and which are set forth in the accompanying papers. It may be well to recall that the new Panama Canal company of France did not itself propose or fix the figure of \$40,000,000 as the valuation of the canal and railroad properties. That sum was first fixed by our isthmian canal commission in its reports to the congress after two years of investigation and personal inspection of all the properties and work already done, whereby the properties and the work done in detail appraised at that sum as their value to the United States. The French capital steadily refused for over two years to make any offer whatever in answer to the many written requests of the isthmian canal commission; and when its president did approach the question of price it was on the basis of \$109,000,000. Later, under conditions not necessary now to rehearse, the company by cable, accepted the appraisal of \$40,000,000 made by our commission. This government therefore acquired all the properties and concessions, both of canal and railroad, at its own valuation and price, the congress approving the price and authorizing the expenditure of the money after the most exhaustive examination and discussion. I transmit herewith lists of the documents in the possession of the department of state, the department of justice and the department of war, so that if congress sees fit it may direct that they be printed. They are and always have been open to the examination of any member of the congress. There is no objection in printing them, but there is also no objection to printing them save it is a useless expense. I also transmit a list of the documents furnished by Mr. Cromwell.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

Tennesseans are lining up for the fight on statewide prohibition and the greatest political battle in the history of the old commonwealth is predicted. Neighboring states will be "unsafe within the wind of such commotion." If a superheated, sulphur-laden cyclone sweeps over Texas from the northeast let us not be alarmed. Tennessee politics is what General Sherman said war was.

XMas dolls. See our line of fine dressed dolls. At walk-out prices. Emmel & Maloney.

The Eagle has for sale old newspapers, clean and suitable for wrapping paper, 25c per 100.

JOSEPH'S DREAM.

(Joe McGee.)

I dreamed one night the sky was red
Around life's sinking sun,
Then all was dark—for I was dead,
Then judgment day had come.

Then I beheld a might host,
Composed of small and great;
In regular line they took their post
Close by the judgment gate.

I saw the humble standing there,
Bowed down from burdens borne;
And the Pharisee, with haughty air,
Who had looked on him with scorn.

In trembling voice, he humbly said:
"Dear Lord, I've not been good,
I've left behind some debts unpaid,
But I've done the best I could.
I only ask that I may sit
Near by the mercy seat,
And hope that I may be thought fit
To wash my Master's feet."

The Master, in His kindness said:
"My son you've done your part,
We judge you not from what you've
paid,

But judge you from the heart.
The widow's mite was very small
To the big rich Pharisee,
To me that sum was more than all.
There's a home prepared for thee."

Says the other: "Sire, where is my
pew?
I have always had my choice."

But the Master looked as if confused
For He scarcely knew his voice.

And then He turned to the Book of
Life—
But his name was not on roll—
He'd made the mistake that the one
great prize

Could be bought with his silver and
gold.

And then I saw him turned away,
A picture of sad despair,
Though it wasn't because he had
failed to pray,

But the Lord hadn't heard his prayer.
It wasn't because he had great wealth,
There was Joseph of Arimathea,
Who sadly looked on the Savior's
death.

Then humbly begged His bier.

It is not because we have been called
great,
Nor the big things we have done;
But because we have tried to emulate
The life of God's dear Son.

That we can stand in the judgment
day,
When the trying time shall come.

THE BOYS AND THE NAT.

Department of Publicity, A. & M. College.—James Hays Quarles.

College Station, Texas, Dec. 16.—One improvement at the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas which is being utilized by the young men of the student body to a great extent this year is the new natatorium. The structure is of brick, nicely finished inside and out. It has cement floors and about the walls are dressing rooms. In the center of the building are thirty-two shower baths each partitioned from its adjoining neighbor by a marble slab. Shower-baths only are provided, and there is hot and cold water, the heat being supplied by a system of steam pipes that connects with the supply pipe from the waterworks department. It is a convenient arrangement, it requires less time than a tub bath, it is strictly sanitary in every respect and is therefore better than the tub baths. The students make frequent use of the showers. There are no restrictions on them, the only rule being that the hot water is provided at those hours of the day when most convenient for the young men. The bathing season never closes for them, however, and it is a common sight to see students in twos and threes strolling across the campus to the Nat, each carrying a bundle of clothes, his cake of soap and his towel.

There is said to be only one woman justice of the peace in the United States and she is alleged to have recently expressed the opinion that Adam was a loafer who allowed his wife to support him. Possibly so, and maybe that was why she served the forbidden fruit as a dessert, for he sure had to hustle after that.

Many a Woman
Has experienced the loss or wear out of some of the working parts of the common or ordinary makes of machines, which could not be replaced. If you buy a Singer you get the best machine made and from a company that is in every town and city in the United States.

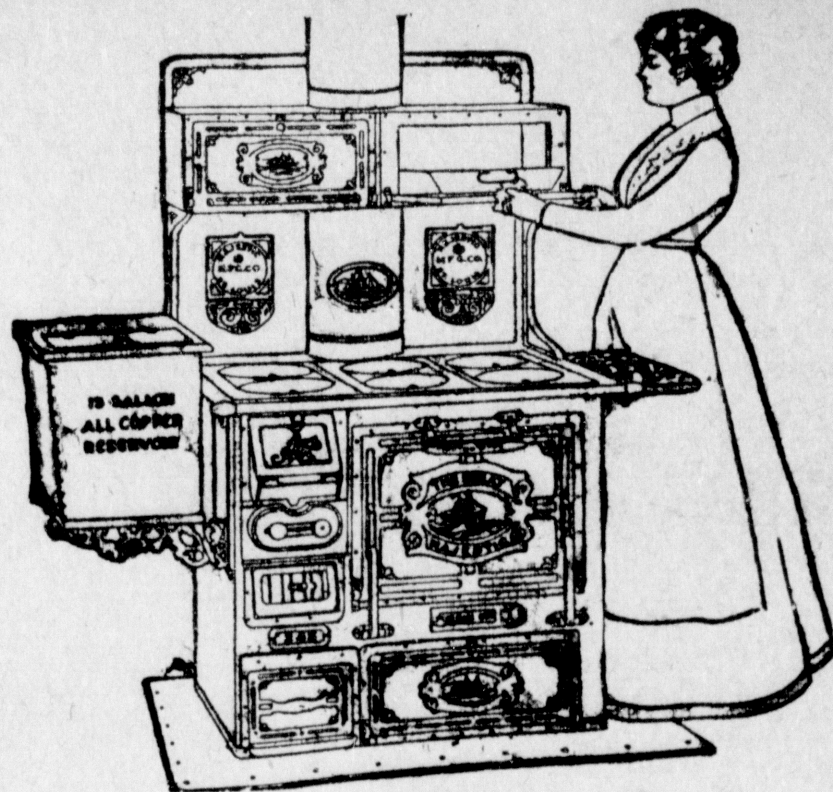
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Baptist Tea.

At the residence of Mrs. J. F. Parks Mesdames J. B. Sanders, M. E. Weaver, W. A. Withers, J. W. Howell and E. F. Parks will give a tea on Thursday afternoon from 3 to 6, Dec 17th. Everybody invited.

Give a Woman a Good Range and you will always have Peace in the Family.



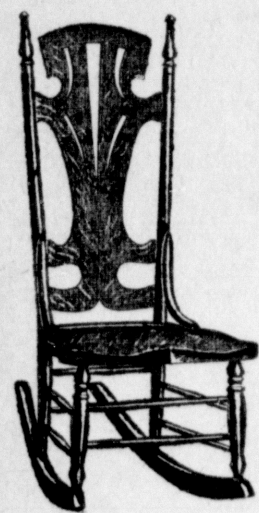
I SELL THE MAJESTIC ALL STEEL RANGE.

I have sold them for 14 years to the good people of this town and county, and not one complaint have I had. Otto Boehme bought one from me ten years ago. In the loss of his Bakery this Range went through the fire. They bought new pipe and have used the Range continuously since. This is strictly home comfort. I also sell the famous Bucks and Darling line of Stoves—none better. If you are going to buy a Range or a Cook Stove let me show you my line. My line of Open Stock China, Cake Tins, Turkey Baking Pans and everything wanted for the Kitchen is full and complete. Just received a full line of Pocket Cutlery for

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

My stock of Single and Double Barrel Guns is the best carried in Bryan. I sell a good Target-22 Rifle for \$1.50. I sell the old line of Remington and Winchester Guns. I carry a full line of all kinds of Hardware. Come, let's do business. Yours for trade,

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In every Room in the House belongs the Chair

Did you ever see the home with
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We exercise great care in selecting chairs for our Bryan and College trade. The lines in all of them are good; whether the style be simple or fancy. The Quality of the Chair throughout is another Priced Point with us.

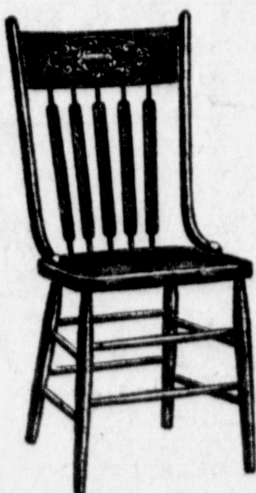
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No. 3 North bound.....1:38 p.m.
No. 5 North bound.....12:46 a.m.
No. 2 South bound.....3:40 p.m.
No. 9 South bound.....2:48 a.m.
I. & G. N. Schedule.
No. 14 North bound.....12:54 p. m.
No. 15 South bound.....4:14 p. m.

LOCALS AND PERSONALS.

Mrs. W. J. Manning left yesterday for Mart.
HOUSE FOR RENT—One of Mrs. Koppe's houses. Apply to D. Mike.
Waterworks and sewerage mass meeting in Carnegie library this afternoon at 4.
Mr. E. T. Graham of Harvey was in the city Wednesday.
Car northern snapped ear corn on track. Vick's Feed Store.
Mr. A. W. Dyess of Harvey was in the city Wednesday.
Mr. J. R. Smith of Reliance was a visitor to the city Wednesday.
Don't miss the Big Circus Friday afternoon, tickets for sale at Parks & Waldrop's.
Mrs. Bev Tucker left yesterday for Mart, where she will in future reside.
Miss Annie Holland of Reliance was a shopper in the city Wednesday.
Don't forget the amateur contest at the Cozy tonight.
Waterworks and sewerage mass meeting in Carnegie library this afternoon at 4.
Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Gilpin of Kerten were visitors to the city Wednesday.
Miss Ora Yardley of Harvey was in the city Wednesday on a shopping trip.
15 per cent off on all furniture purchased for cash at James & Nunn's till Jan 1.
Prof. and Mrs. G. S. Fraps of College were visitors to the city yesterday.
Waterworks and sewerage mass meeting in Carnegie library this afternoon at 4.
LOST—A pink tie, with half moon brooch set with pearls, between the residence of Charley Stillwell and A. J. Wagner & Co. Reward for return to the Eagle office.
Prof. Fermier of the A. and M. College was a business visitor to the city yesterday.

Miss Fletcher, music teacher at Harvey, was in the city Wednesday on a shopping trip.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. White and the Misses White were visitors in the city Wednesday.

Wanted—Competent manager for dining room. Good wages for the right party. Allen Academy.

Mrs. J. C. Davis returned to Navasota yesterday after a visit to relatives residing here.

Mrs. S. W. Meredith of Millican is the guest of her mother, Mrs. T. B. Johnson of this city.

The pay checks for both the H. & T. C. and I. & G. N. employees at this place arrived yesterday.

See the largest elephant in captivity at the great circus Friday afternoon. Tickets on sale at Parks & Waldrop's.

Waterworks and sewerage mass meeting in Carnegie library this afternoon at 4.

Mrs. A. W. Royder of Wellborn arrived yesterday for a visit of a few days to Mrs. D. D. Dawson.

Mr. W. S. Howell Jr., left yesterday for San Antonio, where he expects to remain through the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Davis of Zulch, Madison county, were in the city Wednesday on a shopping trip.

\$5.00 Reward—I will pay \$5.00 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the party who severed the elevator rope at the opera house Tuesday. John B. Mike, Mgr.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Graham of Cross Grimes county, were business visitors to the city Wednesday.

Mr. I. M. Cook and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Bullock of Steep Hollow were visitors to the city Wednesday.

Waterworks and sewerage mass meeting in Carnegie library this afternoon at 4.

The ladies of the Christian church will give a bazaar Thursday and Friday at the Tom Lee restaurant. Your patronage will be appreciated.

Mr. Castles is a Brazos county man, most pleasantly remembered. His many friends here are gratified to read of his success.

Mrs. Sam Williams and daughter, Miss Lillie, of Rock Prairie were pleasant callers at The Eagle office while in town yesterday.

FOR RENT—Good place on little Brazos. 70 acres in cultivation with two good houses. Geo. A. Adams.

Miss Rowena Rhodes, who is studying at Kidd Key, arrived home yesterday afternoon and will remain through the holidays.

Mr. George Howard and family of Iola, Grimes county, were in the city Wednesday trading with Bryan's progressive business men.

Barnum and Bailey immediately offered their greatest show on earth for sale when they heard about the big circus to be given at Allen Academy Friday afternoon. Tickets on sale at Parks and Waldrop's.

Messrs. S. W. Buchanan and Will Cloud, enterprising stockmen of this city, left Wednesday with a car of beef cattle for Galveston.

Mr. Jesse Hensarling who is studying at a business college in Fort Worth, arrived yesterday to spend the holidays with homefolks.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Jeffries and family of Zulch, Madison county, transacted business with Santa Claus at his home town Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Murray of Mesa, Grimes county, were visitors to the city Wednesday, and bought nice holiday bills of Bryan's up-to-date dealers.

Get the Christmas feeling. A look at Emmel & Maloney's stock will go a long way to make you feel that way and a small purchase will not cost you much.

Messrs. Robert and Ira Taylor and sister, Miss Dora, were in the city from their home in Cross, Grimes county, Wednesday, and transacted business with Bryan's wide-a-wake dealers.

Mr. Sam Luther one of the progressive farmers of Brazos county was trading in Bryan yesterday and paid The Eagle a social visit and renewed his subscription to Bryan's up-to-date weekly.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Free Baptist church will give a Bazaar on next Saturday, Dec. 19, at the old Tom Lee restaurant, for the benefit of the church. Your patronage will be appreciated.

Mr. S. H. Windham, evangelist, who comes from Tennessee, was in the city yesterday. It is understood that Mr. Windham will establish himself in Bryan.

Hardly anything else can be given in such a wide range of occasions as a box of dainty writing paper. Emmel & Maloney have it in holiday and plain boxes.

The many friends of Mr. Webb Chatham in this, his boyhood home, will be pleased to learn in an award of land recently made at Sweetwater, where he now resides, 1000 acres was apportioned to him.

Messrs. Robert and J. L. Magness, two enterprising young men of Madison county, were in the city Wednesday doing business with Bryan's obliging business men.

The material has arrived for the construction of the new asphalt walk to be built around the Baptist church and work will begin today. The building of the walk is under the auspices of the B. Y. P. U.

Union K. of H. Minstrels at Union Hill school house Dec. 22. Benefit of Union Sunday school. Admission 15 cents and 25 cents. A fine local entertainment is offered and the building will be well lighted and comfortable.

A competent man or woman can secure a good position at the Allen Academy as manager of the new dining hall.

Married at the residence of Rev. T. H. Morris in this city Wednesday afternoon, Mr. Ned McWhorter of Grimes county and Miss Lizzie McCallum of Tabor, Rev. Morris officiating. Mr. and Mrs. McWhorter will have the kind wishes of many friends.

Cunningham-Smith. Mr. D. G. Cunningham and Miss Alice Smith were married yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Smith, Rev. W. J. Meads of Kerten officiating.

Thorns and Orange Blossoms. Of the attraction which comes to the Grand opera house here on the 21st, an advance notice says:

Local theater patrons will have an opportunity of witnessing the Chicago success, "Thorns and Orange Blossoms," which comes to the Grand Monday night. The play, players and production come highly recommended and are under the management of the Rowland & Clifford Amusement Company.

"Thorns and Orange Blossoms," while intensely dramatic, contains nothing of the cheap melodramatic; it appeals to all classes on account of the timely discussion of class distinctions. There is something in every act that every patron may enjoy. In

one, it is a thrilling climax; in another, it may be a sweetly told love story, hedged by pathos; still another it may be the comedy, real laughing-getting comedy which is convulsing. The play is magnificently cast, has an endless array of beautiful scenery and will be seen here Monday night under the direction of the Rowland & Clifford Amusement Company.

Tonight—Amateur night at the Cozy.

Franz Molnar's "The Devil" Saturday night. The play which has set two hemispheres thinking and talking. Advanced prices. Seats may be reserved at Cavitt's today.

A force of men in charge of an

Sensible Christmas Gifts for Men

Give a Man something to Wear if you want to please him.



Sofa pillows and pictures may appeal to you, but they don't interest him.

Our store is brimming over with sensible novelties in Men's wearables, especially selected for Holiday Gifts. Gifts that will please him and be appreciated.



COAT SWEATERS.

A new and serviceable gift \$2.50, \$3.00 and 4. 0

MEN'S SLIPPERS

Black, Tan and Brown Kid, good and comfortable, some fleece-lined at \$1.50, \$2.00 and 2.50



SUSPENDERS

Sets of Suspenders, Garters and Armbands in elegant Christmas boxes 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.50.

SMOKING JACKETS.

Handsome Golf Plaids in brown, grey and blue \$5.00 \$6.00 and 7.50

BATH ROBES.

A large line in beautiful holiday colorings \$3.50, \$5.00, up to \$10



HANDKERCHIEFS

Fine linen initial or plain hemstitched, beautifully boxed, 1-2 dozen in box for \$1.50. Sets of Silk handkerchiefs, Tie and Half Hose to match per set \$1.50.

PARKS & WALDROP

The Clothiers

IS THERE SOMETHING IN THIS STORE FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS GIFT?

Christmas Suggestions.

Suits, \$25 kind, now \$19.50
\$9.50 kind, now \$5.00
\$15 kind, now \$10.00

OUR STORE is an inspiration to the hundreds of people from this community who are seeking sensible Christmas Gifts of substantial worth. The large assortment of Merchandise, and the variety of small articles to select from, makes this store the ideal headquarters for sensible Christmas shoppers. What could possibly be more appreciated and useful than any of the thousand and one things in our store, awaiting your inspection. A glance at our show windows will

Convince the Most Discriminating

shoppers that our stock is very complete in every department.

Will pay you to do your Christmas shopping at the Fashion Shop, where quality in Merchandise

We Save you Money on everything in our Ladies' Ready-to-wear.

Edge On the CORNER
FASHION SHOP.

Cloaks and Skirts.

All our Cloaks and Skirts Reduced.

Cloaks, \$35 kind now \$25

Cloaks \$25 kind now \$19.50

Cloaks \$19.50 kind now \$15

Cloaks, \$15 kind now \$12

Skirts.

A new shipment of high-grade skirts, regular \$5 seller, special price for the week.

\$3.98

MEN'S CLOTHING—BOYS.

We are closing out this Department. All clothing selling at cost.

MEN'S shirts.

\$1.75 Mens' shirts now \$1.45

\$1.25 " " " 1.25

1.00 " " " 59c

NECKWEAR and SUSPENDERS.

in fancy Christmas boxes. Neck wear 50c, SUSPENDERS 50c to \$3 per pair.

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VOTE FOR THE GIRL

Every 10c Purchase Made at Our Store Entitles You to Vote for the Most Popular Boy or Girl in the City. To the Most Popular Girl Under 12 Years Old will be given a beautiful doll, Priced at \$15.00.

will be given the

VOTE FOR THE BOY

The Most Popular Boy Under 12 Years of Age Will Be Given \$5.00 Worth of Fireworks for His Christmas.

Most Beautiful Doll in Town

THE MOST POPULAR BOY IN BRYAN WILL BE GIVEN

\$5.00 worth of Xmas Fireworks

We Have This Year the Largest Assortment of Christmas Toys and Novelties, Decorated Chinaware and Useful Gifts Which We Have Yet Displayed and Will Be Sold at Prices Which Your Purse Will Approve.

We Have a Line of Toys Which Will Especially Delight Young America. What to Buy the Children Can Best Be Decided Upon by Bringing Them to Fairyland and Note Their Exclamations of Delight at the Dazzling Display. Walker has something to Please Everyone.

Walker's 5 and 10c Store

THE WEATHER.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 16.—Tonight and Thursday, generally cloudy weather.—Cline.

Weather Notes.

Galveston, Dec. 15.—The barometric pressure has increased over all districts. A very shallow depression is central over the lake region which has been attended by light precipitation in the lower lake region and New England. A second depression is central over the southern Plateau which is causing unsettled weather and precipitation in that section. In Texas and the south, the weather has been generally fair, but there is much fog on the Louisiana and east Texas coast. The temperature is generally higher in southern and northeastern districts and lower in the northwest. At time of report it ranged in this state from 40 degrees at Amarillo to 65 degrees at Brownsville.

River Bulletin.

River stages in feet and tenths. (75th Meridian Time.)

River	Flood Stage at stage 8 a.m.
Brazos River—	
Kopperl	21.0 0.7
Waco	22.0 2.3
Valley Junction	40.0 5.0

River Forecast.

There will be not important change

in the Trinity, Brazos and Colorado rivers.

B. BUNNEMEYER, Section Director.

Mr. Proctor's Address.

Mr. W. F. Proctor, representing the agricultural department of the Federal government, addressed an audience of representative farmers here Wednesday which comfortably filled the county court room. Mr. Proctor is a Texas farmer who has risen from the furrow and his lecture had an exceptional value, in an advisory way, his advice is followed. The importance of exercising care in the selection of seed for planting was emphasized, and intensive cultivation, with proper fertilization urged.

The Eagle is pleased to note that the street adjoining the H. & T. C. railroad is being leveled and graded and some of the unsightly buildings are being removed. The Cole Hardware company has recently improved the street in the rear of their warehouse. This spirit of improvement should be commended and the good work carried on to the full extent in the railroad street, which for years has been rather a discredit to Bryan.

Fort Worth leads the cities of Texas in the number of burglaries—seven in one night.

Nominations Sent Senate.

Washington, Dec. 16.—The president sent to the senate the following nominations: Envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to Roumania and Serbia and diplomatic agent to Bulgaria, Huntington Wilson of Illinois; third assistant secretary of state, William Phillips of Massachusetts; governor of Arizona, Joseph Kibbey of Arizona.

Senator Ashli introduced a resolution directing the committee on appropriations to consider that portion of the president's annual message dealing with the secret service.

Agrees to Foraker's Resolution.

Washington, Dec. 16.—Without discussion the senate adopted Senator Foraker's resolution, calling on the secretary of war for information concerning the employment of detectives for use in the Brownsville affair.

The house defeated by 89 to 103 the Garret amendment to the penal code bill penalizing transmission by mail of any advertisement or information having reference to dealings in futures where the delivery of the article bought can not be made.

Institute at El Paso.

El Paso, Dec. 16.—Dr. B. M. Worham will establish a Pasteur Institute at this city.

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TURMOIL AT CARACAS.

Hatred of Populace Is Directed Toward Government.

Caracas, Dec. 16.—An infuriated mob, not hindered by the police, arose against the administration of President Castro. The mob swept through the city, wrecking the property of the president's henchmen and of his close friends. The people took all statues and pictures of President Castro from the clubs and other semi-public buildings and burned them with rejoicing on Plaza Bolivar. Castro's rule in Venezuela has probably ended.

In spite of Holland's warlike activity on the coast there have been no demonstrations against The Netherlands; they have all been directed against President Castro and acting President Gomez.

The enormous crowd was swelled by people from the outlying country, who gathered in the streets soon after daybreak. People began marching up and down the main thoroughfares, and it was easy to see that the ill-temper would soon result in violence.

The first building attacked and looted was that of the lottery monopoly. The offices of the state enterprise that has enriched itself at the expense of the people, was ransacked and pillaged. The furniture was broken and thrown into the streets and thousands of lottery tickets destroyed.

The crowd then moved to the printing office of El Constitucional, the organ of President Castro, of which Gumersindo Rivas is editor, and pillaged it completely. A steam laundry belonging to Senor Rivas was also wrecked.

The crowd then turned its attention to several drug stores belonging to Senor Thielen, son-in-law of General Tello Mendoza, and turned them inside out. General Mendoza was at one time minister of finance and public credit under Castro. He was also Castro's private secretary and had been regarded as one of his staunchest supporters. He is universally hated by enemies of Castro.

A detachment of troops was called out for duty on the city streets and acting President Gomez issued a manifesto prohibiting further manifestations. These measures had the desired effect, for the mob quieted down and then dispersed.

El Constitucional, suspended publication and Caracas is practically without a newspaper.

Preliminary to Blockade.

London, Dec. 16.—The Hague correspondent of the Daily Telegraph understands the capture of Venezuelan vessels by Dutch warships is the preliminary step toward the establishing of an effective blockade.

Seven Thought Drowned.

St. Pierre, Miquelon, Dec. 16.—Seven members of the crew of the French warship, Admiral Aube, who started for shore, are missing, and it is thought all were drowned. The warship, which arrived here with Governor Didot, is anchored in the roads. Tuesday evening seven of the crew were given orders to take the steamer launch and remain ashore all night. A heavy snow squall came up soon after the launch left, but those on the warship, supposing it reached port, gave no alarm until Wednesday, when the crew failed to return.

"The Bath House" Arrested.

Chicago, Dec. 16.—Alderman John Coughlin of the First ward, who is otherwise known as "The Bath House," was arrested here charged with an assault on Lyman Atwell, a photographer of the Record-Herald. Atwell, together with Wynne King, a cartoonist of the Record-Herald, was assigned to get photographs and illustrations of the First Ward Democratic ball last Monday night.

Cooper Wants Names Printed.

Washington, Dec. 16.—With a view of letting the public know what influences operate upon it through the press, Representative Cooper of Texas introduced in the house a bill to include newspapers and magazines from the mails unless the names of the owner and editor or officers, directors and stockholders be printed on its front page.

Having Good Time.

Colombo, Ceylon, Dec. 16.—The men of the American fleet are enjoying daily trips to Kandy, which is an inland town, situated on the banks of a fine artificial lake. General Lawrence, commander of the British troops in Ceylon, entertained Rear Admiral Sperry and flag officers at luncheon.

Two Were Victims.

Columbus, O., Dec. 16.—Two men lost their lives by fire which destroyed the home of "Auntie" Mattie Crosby an old negro. The property loss is small. Two boarders, Gilbert White, an old soldier, and George Foster, a negro, were the victims.

Collapse Causes Four Fatalities.

Martinsburg, W. Va., Dec. 15.—Four persons were killed by the collapse of a pier and span of the new bridge across the Potomac river here.

New General Chief.

St. Petersburg, Soukhomlinov, Kiev.

Terrible Remedy.

Weatherford, Tex., Dec. 16.—Pietro Colonna, an Italian, is suffering from terrible burns received by the pouring of molten lead over a leg, which he will lose. Colonna fell and sustained a slight injury. A bystander advised the pouring of lead on the member as a remedy. He went to a hotel, melted a lead pipe and poured the scalding fluid over the leg. His screams brought aid.

Two Years For Davis.

Gainesville, Tex., Dec. 16.—After being out twenty hours the jury in the case of Sam Davis, charged with the murder of Lem Clark two years ago, returned a verdict of manslaughter and fixed the punishment at two years in the penitentiary. The defense will ask for a new trial. If refused they will appeal. Davis is sixty years old. At a former trial he received a twenty-year sentence.

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